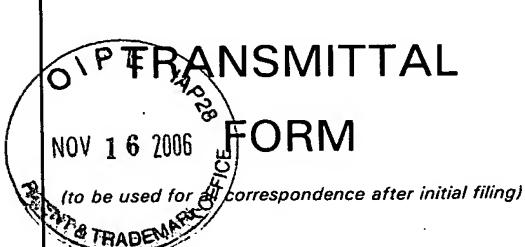


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**RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

[XXX] NO FEES ARE PAYABLE WITH RESPECT TO THIS RESPONSE.

In response to the official action mailed August 31, 2006, please enter the following before reconsideration of this application.

**In the Drawings:**

Please enter new formal FIGS. 4-13 to the drawings of the above identified application. The Applicant respectfully requests approval of the enclosed new drawings at this time.

**In the Specification:**

Please amend paragraphs 27, 28, 39-43 and 45 of the specification as follows in which the specification additions are shown by underlining and the specification deletions are shown by strikeout. Please enter the replacement specification paragraphs into the record of this case.

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 23-26 and 28-44 as follows in which the claim additions are shown by underlining and/or the claim deletions are shown by strikeout or brackets. Please enter the amended claims into the record of this case.